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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/603,625 Confirmation No. 4454
Applicant : S. MATSUBARA et al.
Filed : June 26, 2003
Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER
TC/AU : 1797
Examiner : L.J. Ramillano
Customer No. : 24956

AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time for three months and the appropriate fee accompany this Response.